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RULES OF BOARDS WILL BE REVISED TO MEET CHANGES

Both Branches of General Council Will Meet on Same Night.

Board of Public Works Will Reorganize.

CITY SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Beginning next week a committee composed of the presidents of both the lower and upper boards of the general council two councilmen and two aldermen together with City Solicitor James Campbell, will assemble for the purpose of drafting new rules governing the general council. This change is necessitated owing to the fact that the upper and lower boards have separate assembly halls and will meet on the same nights during the month.

Last night President Foreman, of the council, appointed C. E. Duval and Ollie Leigh with himself to act as a committee from that board. Not until after the aldermen meet can a committee be appointed from that board, as a president will have to be chosen first. Alderman Will Farley is the Republican choice for president. The Democrats will place the name of Alderman Ed Hannan in nomination for re-election.

After the full committee has been appointed work will be begun at once to draw up new laws. One thing to be figured on is the date for the meetings each month. A day most satisfactory to the members will be adopted. The committee will also have to provide for an assistant to the city clerk to take the proceedings of the aldermen, as the council will occupy the clerk's time.

It has been suggested that the city elect an assistant, who can also be a utility man around the city hall. A utility man is needed as all of his time will be occupied. He probably will take care of the aldermen's proceedings, have charge of municipal affairs coming before the board's consideration and also assist City Assessor J. W. Orr during his "rush" period. After Mr. Orr's busy time is over the utility man can assist the city clerk in making out the tax bills.

Some other plan may be adopted by the committee. They will meet as soon as possible, so that the rules can be placed in the hands of the printer and submitted before the council for adoption. The aldermanic chamber is now almost ready for occupancy, with the exception of the installation of benches chairs and lights.

Board of Public Works.

Annual election of officers of the board of public works will be held this afternoon, when the board will be reorganized for the new year. All the old members will be retained. President Richard Rudy, who has taken a great interest in the improvement made by the board, is tipped for re-election, and Mr. Louis Kolb, it is predicted, will be re-elected secretary. Mr. Fink Lack, who filled out the unexpired term of F. W. Katterjohn, is the third member of the board.

The election of street inspector will be held by the board. No opposition to Ernest B. Bell has been heard of, and he will be re-elected. Mr. Bell has made an efficient street inspector, and well qualified for the position.

Board of Supervisors.

The books of City Assessor J. W. Orr are now in the hands of the city board of supervisors, who assembled for their annual work of reviewing the assessment on real estate and personal property for 1910. Before the board got down to work organization was effected. Mr. E. G. Boone was made president, George Emery secretary, and James Glauber treasurer. Both Mr. Glauber and Mr. Emery have charge of the figures, while President Boone and Assessor Orr are on the spot to render any assistance.

It will require between two and three weeks to complete the work. Assessor Orr is firmly convinced that the total assessment for 1910 will exceed that of 1909, although there will be a slight drop in the personal.

Immediately after the books are completed they will be turned over to City Clerk Maurice McIntyre, who will begin making out the tax bills for the first and last half of the year. The first collections will be made in June. The clerk will be provided with an assistant as the work is tedious and requires between four and six weeks daily figuring.

Mr. John Heath returned to St. Louis today after spending Christmas at home.

Ship Subsidy Bill is Introduced in Lower House of Congress Today by a Washington Representative

Railroad Steamship Lines Are Cut Off From Benefits and Tonnage, Construction and Availability.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress convened after two weeks' recess at noon today. There was only a brief session of both houses. On account of the death during the holidays of Senator McLaughlin the senate adjourned in nine minutes after it convened.

The administration ship subsidy bill was introduced in the house today. Representative Humphrey, of Washington, presented the bill. The measure is the result of a compromise between disputing factions, favoring the subsidy idea. The bill provides for the payment of a mail subsidy, the exaction of heavier tonnage tax on foreign vessels and the admission of foreign vessels to American registry for foreign trade only. Routes from the Pacific coast to China, Japan, Philippines, South America and Australia, where the outward voyage is over 4,000 miles, to get the proposed advances of mail subsidies. Ships must be built of iron or steel, and must be available at all times for the use of the United States and cannot be sold without the written consent of the secretary of the navy. No ship owned by railroads, or to which railroads give preferential rates, can receive the proposed benefit.

A change in the schedule in Taft messages was announced from the white house today. Since the conference with railroad leaders yesterday it has been decided to make some changes in the interstate commerce message. It is now announced that the message will not be ready until some time next week. The message, suggesting changes in the Sherman anti-trust law, and the message dealing with the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, and the message on federal incorporation law all are expected within ten days.

Humphrey discussing the bill said: "If the people knew the facts there would be no opposition to the bill. I have frequently said I still expect war with Japan. Japan has 260 vessels fitted to carry soldiers; the United States perhaps ten. Japan could carry 200,000 soldiers at one time; the United States 10,000. Japan has built 50 vessels suitable for transports and the United States none. American citizens are not permitted to attend Japanese schools and not permitted to reside except in certain quarters provided for that purpose. A short time ago Japan demanded and was granted these privileges in America. Why? All the rest know our conditions; we are deceiving none but ourselves."

Drunken Lover's Deed.

Leadville, Colo., Jan. 4.—Dell Hedges, of Kansas City, arrived last night intoxicated and went to a boarding house to see his sweetheart, May Conroy. He accused her of unfaithfulness. They quarreled and he shot and killed her and wounded himself. He is dying today.

OHIO RIVER BOAT BLOWN TO PIECES

ENGINEER IS KILLED WHEN COAL COMPANY'S CRAFT BLOWS UP.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 4.—A river boat blew up near Beaver shortly after noon today.

Several men are reported killed. The boat was the pump boat for the People's Coal company. George Young, engineer, was killed.

General Strike Will Be Announced Shortly

Minneapolis, Jan. 4.—President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union, today in an interview, declared within a week there will be a general strike of the organizations in the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, throughout the northwest. He said the statement was his personal statement and not announcement or prediction, and could be taken for what it is worth. "The announcement of hostilities must come from Chairman Perham, now in Washington," he said, "but this is what I believe is going to happen. Perham is trying by every means to bring about a peaceful settlement before issuing the call."

FEW FIRE LOSSES FELT BY PADUCAH DURING THE YEAR

Chief Wood's Fourteenth Annual Report is Excellent One.

Keeps Department Expenses Down to Minimum.

ASKS FOR NEW FIRE STATION.

More fire alarms were answered during 1909 than any year since the organization of the city fire department, while the loss or damage was one of the lightest in many years. These interesting facts are shown by the annual report of the department which has been prepared by Fire Chief James Wood. During the year there were 208 alarms while the total fire loss was \$13,959.85 with a total insurance of \$549,350.

"This good condition," said Chief Wood, in commenting upon his report, "is due in many respects to the general cleaning up of the city. Merchants have realized the danger of leaving piles of rubbish on their premises, and have lowered the risk by removing it. Praise is due the board of health for its splendid work in cleaning up, as it has served a dual purpose, one for health and a second to relieve the danger from fire. In the business district we have been able to encourage the merchants to clean up and prevent fires, but in the outskirts the board of health has done the work of getting the people to clean up."

New Fire Station.

Among the recommendations of Chief Wood is a new fire station near Fountain avenue and Broadway so that fire protection may be afforded some of the finest residences. The station would not cost much, as only a few firemen will be required, while a combination hose and ladder wagon would be installed. The new station, besides being a great aid to the department, would save the horses many long and hard runs to extinguish small fires. Mayor Smith favors the new station and it is believed that it will be erected during the present year. Other recommendations of the fire chief are: Water main on Kentucky avenue west of Twelfth street; fire plugs on Kentucky avenue between Ninth and Eleventh street; new floor in fire station No. 3; rubber tires on the Central hose wagon, and six new alarm boxes for the outskirts of the city.

Fire Losses.

The itemized statement of the fire losses is: Buildings insured, \$12,130; stocks insured, \$24,483; buildings not insured, \$4,420.75; stocks not insured, \$2,322.10; loss on other than buildings, \$585. The insurance was: Buildings, \$310,450; stocks, \$230,950; insurance on other than buildings, \$7,950. A majority of the alarms were for small fires and the number was run up during October and November when dozens of grass fires called the department out to prevent damage to property.

For burning grass there were 46 alarms, while the next greatest source of fires was sparks from chimneys, 24 fires originated in this manner. Defective flues resulted in 18 fires. Burning rubbish was responsible for 15 alarms. There were 10 fires of incendiary origin, and six fires were the result of spontaneous combustion. Incendiaries was the cause of three fires. Cigar stumps started six blazes, while his brother, the deadly cigarette, caused only one fire.

By telephone a large majority of the fire alarms were received, as 135 of the calls came over the wire. The alarms were received: Boxes, 51; still, 11; American District telephone private system, 3; false, 5, and calls from outside the city, 3. October was the record making month as there were 41 alarms received, while in November there were 35 alarms.

In order to run the department during 1910 Chief Wood estimates that it will take \$35,000. This will include salaries and all expenses in the department, with the exception of improvements. As a financier Chief Wood proved capable for in 1909 the department came out with a deficit of only \$67. This included the construction of a concrete floor in the No. 4 station out of the appropriation of \$30,000. Much of the food for the department was raised on the city farm, and had this not been done Chief Wood said his department would have been overdrawn at least \$1,000. The farm has been utilized for several years for raising the feed for the department and annually saves a big item of expense.

The report is the twenty-second of the department as a paid organization; while it is the fourteenth an-

Governor Willson Recommends a County Unit Law in His Message to Legislature, Which Convened

Democratic Caucus Slates Go Through in Both Houses--Redistricting Measure Will be Introduced.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4. (Special.)—The legislature convened at noon in both houses the Democratic caucus nominees were elected. The governor's message was read. The condition of the state, says the deficit will be over one million when the new appropriations are due. He asks the legislature to find some way to meet the deficit. He does not urge a bond issue, but suggests one. He goes into detail about the redistricting measure and submits a report of the commission appointed by him for that purpose. He asks the passage of an extended county unit bill, which he says he will sign, if passed. Former Warden George Chinn, of the Frankfort penitentiary, in a circular letter appeals to the legislature not to re-elect McCutchen and Brown as prison commissioners. He makes charges against their management.

The Democrats of the Kentucky assembly in caucus went on record as favoring a constitutional amendment providing for an income tax.

The Democratic majority of both branches organized respective caucuses with little friction and did their self-appointed work in rather short order.

George S. Wilson was chosen speaker of the house by acclamation and so was Conn Linn for president pro tem of the senate. Republicans put leadership party upon J. W. Turger, of Paintsville, in the house and Nat Cureton, of Louisville, in the senate.

George Peters, of Louisville, was nominated by the Democrats as chief clerk of the senate, J. M. Alverson, of Lincoln county, assistant; B. F. Pemberton, of Shelby county, doorkeeper; Mott Ayres, of Fulton, sergeant-at-arms, and Miss Jennie McDonald, of Frankfort, enrolling clerk. In the house James E. Stone, of Louisville, was chosen clerk; W. C. Wicker, of Crittenden county, assistant; C. W. Longmire, of Lexington, sergeant-at-arms; Joe Emory, of Lincoln county, doorkeeper; Miss Amy Lyons, of Jessamine county, enrolling clerk.

The Democratic caucus slate was adopted in both houses.

Anti-Cigaret Law.

Senator A. J. Oliver, of Allen county, is here with a bill in which he seeks to put the dealer in cigarettes out of business. It is framed much after the law passed in Indiana in 1905, but it does not go as far in seeking to have the man who smokes a cigarette arrested. Senator Oliver also has a bill to prevent the consolidation of fire, life, accident, health and other insurance companies, and to protect the policyholders in the same.

The bill framed by State Inspector and Examiner M. H. Thatcher provides for the enlargement of the scope of the inspector and examiner by creating a department of uniform accounting, and that the accounts and affairs of each county, city and town in the state, and of each office therein which handles public funds of any description, shall be regularly examined. Such measures as this one, also bills amending the state constitution concerning the methods of taxation; the redistricting of the state for legislative, congressional and appellate purposes; for the improvement of prison conditions; a new system of school laws, the county unit bill, and others, will have the support of the governor.

Still other bills which will help fill the hopper when the call is made, are as follows: Making the crime of kidnapping punishable by death; looking to the extermination of tuberculosis in Kentucky, new forestry law, good roads legislation, school suffrage for women, and new banking laws, including provision for appointment of qualified bank examiner.

Full Crew Bill.

Laboring men from all over Kentucky are going to urge their representatives in the legislature to vote for the "full crew" bill that will be introduced in the house by J. H. Williams, a freight conductor on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, and the first Democratic representative from Greenup county in 20 years.

Freight Wreck.

Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 4.—A misunderstanding of orders early this morning caused a freight to hit a work train near Roscoe. Three Bulgarian laborers were killed.

Annual report of Chief James Wood as chief of the department. Chief Wood has begun serving his fifteenth year as the head of the fire fighters.

ALLEGED ATTACK ON MAIL CARRIER

GETS MAN IN TROUBLE WITH FEDERAL CRIMINAL CODE.

Charged with assaulting a mail carrier, Mitchell Canter, of Kevil, was arrested last night at his home by Elwood Neel, deputy United States marshal. This morning before W. A. Gardner, United States commissioner, he waived the examining trial and was admitted to bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance in federal court next April. It is alleged in December that Canter attacked Sanders Force, who carries the mail from the railroad station to the postoffice at Kevil.

DR. J. D. PRYOR IS THOUGHT TO BE DYING.

Dr. J. D. Pryor, of Mayfield, who was burned several weeks ago by an explosion, was resting easy this afternoon at Riverside hospital. His condition is precarious, however, and he is not expected to survive.

New Cure for Cancer.

Manila, Jan. 4.—Great hopes are entertained for the success of a cancer treatment which was announced before the Manila Medical society. The treatment consists in making the patient immune from further progress of the disease by use of vaccine prepared from his own cancer.

L. & N. TRAIN IS SIDESWIPED

PASSENGER COACHES KNOCKED OFF TRACK INTO A POND.

Bowling Green, Ky., Jan. 4. (Special.)—Three people were injured, one of them, M. O. Hughes, of this city, being seriously hurt in a wreck at Oakland, near here. The engine to the fast passenger train from Louisville side-swiped the rear coaches of the Bowling Green accommodation on the Louisville & Nashville, bound for Louisville. The coaches were thrown from the track into a pond. Many had narrow escapes. Hughes is a prominent Equity society man.

BLIZZARD RAGES THROUGHOUT WEST

STOCK AND PEOPLE KILLED; RAILROADS AND WIRES TIED UP.

Denver, Jan. 4.—Eight persons are dead and railroads are blocked throughout the west by blizzards and floods. Avalanches are reported today. A snow slide is reported to have killed four men near Shenandoah, Col. A man was crushed by snow in the "Iowa" mine. A man and two boys were frozen to death in New Mexico. Wires are prostrated. Hundreds of cattle and thousands of sheep are frozen in northern Colorado.

STATE FARMERS' UNION BOARD TO MEET HERE

A special meeting of the state board of the Farmers' Union will be held here tomorrow at the office of R. L. Barnett, secretary, at the "Three Links" building. Mr. John Grady, of Gilbertsville, who is chairman, will not be able to attend and it is probable that Mr. Barnett will be absent as he is confined to his bed with illness. A representative from Kentucky to the legislative committee at Washington will be elected.

The Weather

Forecast for Paducah and vicinity: Unsettled weather with snow tonight or Wednesday; warmer Wednesday. Highest temperature today was 60. Illinois: Washington, Jan. 4.—Wednesday snow and warmer.

JOE WHITELAUF CONFESSES THAT HE STOLE HORSE

Probably He Will be Sent to Reform School as He is Young.

Affidavit is Filed in Murder Case Today.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

One conviction was secured this morning in circuit court when Joe Whitelaur, charged with horse stealing, pleaded guilty and by agreement was given two years in the penitentiary. However, it is understood that, owing to the age of the prisoner, he may be sent to the school of reform instead of the state prison. Whitelaur stole the horse of his cousin, Frank Whitelaur, and was captured several days later in Illinois, and since has been in jail.

Petit jurors were empaneled this morning in circuit court and now all is ready for the jury trials. Court was adjourned this morning at 10:30 o'clock, as all of the docket had been disposed of. Tomorrow another small docket is promised, as none of the defendants in the cases on the docket will be before the court.

The trial of J. S. Futrell and Louis Futrell, charged with murder, was continued this morning until Wednesday. Attorneys for the defense will file an affidavit for a continuance tomorrow, and if overruled by Judge Reed the case may go to trial.

The petit jurors are: H. B. Huffins, Bud Dale, L. L. Phelps, D. W. Whittis, R. C. Potter, J. S. Corbett, F. E. Lack, H. M. Orme, J. R. Moore, W. A. King, L. Reber, E. O. Hill, W. E. Pezzor, Ike Cohen, W. H. Bourland, C. C. Raper, L. D. Watson, T. several days later in Illinois, and since has been in jail.

H. Crick, W. J. Boatright, W. P. Cases Disposed Of. The cases disposed of this morning were: R. Rudolph, gaming, set for fourth day; Mrs. Sells, petit larceny, set for fourth day; Cleora Anderson, malicious shooting, set for fourth day.

The case against Lillian Russell, charged with false swearing, was fled away, as she has left the city. The case against Charles Grosshardt, charged with grand larceny, was continued until the April term. The trial of Frank, alias "Rush" Green, was continued until the April term.

The trial of Eugene Board, charged with malicious striking, was continued. Owing to the death of W. S. Walker, the charges of obtaining money by false pretenses was dismissed.

Bob Ford was fined \$50 and 90 days in the county jail on the charge of detaining a woman against her will.

Frank Ross was dismissed of the charge of detaining a woman against her will.

In County Court.

The saloon license of J. M. Cashon was transferred to Jake Elliott.

The saloon license of G. W. Kelly, 126 South Second street, was transferred to A. F. Dugger.

J. W. Carrister qualified as constable in the Eighth magisterial district.

F. F. Eaker qualified as coroner, and was sworn into office.

Fiscal Court Meeting.

The new fiscal court will be called together for the first time Friday morning for the purpose of organizing the board and holding the January meeting. The custom has been for the court to meet on the first Tuesday of every month, but owing to the change of administration, County Judge Barkley decided not to call the session until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

TOBACCO SALES ARE RESUMED AT AUCTION

Tobacco sales were resumed this morning at Bommer's loose leaf auction house and bidding was spirited. There were no rejections and 27,000 pounds were sold at prices ranging from \$4.20 to \$9.15, average \$8.13.

A Comparison of the Circulation of The Sun for Two Years

December, 1907 average . . .
December, 1908 average . . .
December, 1909 average . . .
This is the largest circulation west of Louisville.